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molded onto hand grip 4. A preferred thermoplastic elastomer is OM1040-X Versaflex™. Alternately, the use of different cushioned or pliant materials is envisioned, as is the use of different techniques for fastening grip member 22 onto hand grip 4. For example, grip member 22 may be formed from other pliant materials, including plastics, elastomers, synthetics, etc. Moreover, grip member 22 may be fastened to hand grip 4 using other fastening techniques, e.g. chemical, physical, or mechanical, including adhesives, screws, welding, interengaging members, bonding, fusing, coating, dipping, spraying, etc.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend FIG. 1 as indicated in red on the attached sheet.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain in this application. By this amendment, the specification has been amended to correct a typographical error identified by the Examiner in paragraph 1 of the Office Action, i.e., "a" has been changed to --as--, and FIG. 1 of the drawings has been amended to delete reference numerals identified by the Examiner in paragraph 2 of the Office Action not found in the specification. No new matter has been added by this amendment. In view of the amendments above and the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,674,237 to Ott ("Ott") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,928,154 to Silber et al. ("Silber"). The Examiner states the following:

"Ott discloses the claimed invention except for the cushioned member positioned on at least one contact surface of the hand grip. Silber teaches that a cushioned member is provided on the hand grip